

**RURAL CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
807 N. MATTIS AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821**

GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 11, 2021

Mr. Brooks, Chair of the Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in the St. Joseph-Ogden High School Library, 301 N. Main Street, St. Joseph, Illinois.

Members Present

Mr. Koss
Mr. Elmore
Ms. Morgan
Mr. Fultz
Ms. Harris
Mr. Goldenstein
Ms. McCormick

Not Present

Ms. Rushing
Ms. Brooks Bennett-Miller
Mr. Quinlan

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Ms. Martine Nickols, Executive Assistant (via Zoom videoconference)

Appointment of Vice-Chair Pro Tem and Secretary Pro Tem

Mr. Goldenstein moved to appoint Kathy McCormick as Secretary Pro Tem and Tom Fultz as Vice Chair Pro Tem. Mr. Elmore seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2020 Public Hearing and Governing Board meeting were in the packet.

Mr. Koss moved the approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ms. McCormick seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action to Approve Resignation of Educational Support Personnel

The Executive Board recommended the approval of the following resignations:

- Kadey Beinborn - 1 .0 FTE Individual Aide - Spectrum Thomasboro
- Sarah Thomas - .60 FTE School Social Worker

- Lisa Liggins-Chambers - 1.0 FTE School Psychologist

Mr. Elmore moved to accept the resignations of Kadey Beinborn, Sarah Thomas and Lisa Liggins-Chambers as presented. Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

b. Action to Approve RCCSEC Board Policies

The Executive Committee recommended the approval of the following Board policies:

- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
- 3:40 Executive Director
- 4:80 Accounting and Audits
- 6:20 Calendar and Day
- 6:300 Graduation Requirements
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 3:40-E Exhibit-Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiations Process

Ms. Harris moved to approve the Board policies as presented. Mr. Koss seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

c. Action to Approve RCCSEC FY 20 Audit Report

The packet included a letter to the RCCSEC Board of Education noting Russ Leigh and Associates found no significant deficiencies during their audit. There were no areas that needed improvement. The Executive Board recommended the approval of the FY 20 audit report.

Mr. Goldenstein moved to approve the FY 20 audit as presented. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

d. Action to Remove RCCSEC Board Policies

The Executive Board recommended the approval to remove the following Board policies:

5:60-E1 Exhibit	Employee Expense Reimbursement Form
5:60-E2 Exhibit	Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form
2:125-E1 Exhibit	Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form
2:125-E2 Exhibit	Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form
6:135	Accelerated Placement Program

Mr. Elmore moved to remove the above Board policies as presented. Ms. McCormick seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

e. Action to Employ Personnel

The Executive Board recommended the approval to employ the following individuals:

- Melanie Derenne - 1 FTE Paraprofessional (Individual Aide) - Thomasboro Spectrum
- Stephanie Ward - 1.0 FTE Special Education Records Manager
- Pamela Wingate - 1.0 FTE School Social Worker

Mr. Fultz moved to employ Melanie Derenne, Stephanie Ward and Pamela Wingate as recommended. Mr. Koss seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Elmore, Mr. Koss, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Fultz, Ms. Harris, Mr. Goldenstein, Ms. McCormick; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (7-0)

f. Action to Approve Leave of Absence

The Executive Board recommended the approval of the following leave of absence:

- Bobbie Collins - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional, St. Joseph
Ms. Collins requested a leave of absence starting December 13 with an anticipated return date of January 27.

- Kris Stalter - 1.0 FTE Special Education Records Manager
Kris Stalter requested FMLA on October 15, 2020 with no definitive return date provided.
- Brandy Waldrop - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional - Unity East Spectrum
Ms. Waldrop requested a leave of absence starting January 5, 2021 through February 28, 2021/Mid-March 2021.

Mr. Elmore moved to approve the leave of absence of Bobbie Collins, Kris Stalter, and Brandy Waldrop as presented. Mr. Goldenstein seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Elmore, Mr. Koss, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Fultz, Ms. Harris, Mr. Goldenstein, Ms. McCormick; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (7-0)

g. Increase FTE of Professional Educator Licensed Employee

The Executive Board recommended the approval to increase the FTE of:

- Allison Whitney - School Psychologist - Increase from .80 FTE to 1.0 FTE

Mr. Goldenstein moved to increase Allison Whitney's FTE from .80 FTE to 1.0 FTE as recommended. Ms. Harris seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Elmore, Mr. Koss, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Fultz, Ms. Harris, Mr. Goldenstein, Ms. McCormick; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (7-0)

h. Action to Approve Additional Sick Leave Days

The Executive Board recommended granting 20 additional sick leave days for the 2020 -2021 school year to Brandy Waldrop, Paraprofessional at Unity East Spectrum.

Mr. Fultz made the motion to grant 20 additional sick leave days to Brandy Waldrop for the 2020 -2021 school year. Mr. Elmore seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Elmore, Mr. Koss, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Fultz, Ms. Harris, Mr. Goldenstein, Ms. McCormick; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (7-0)

i. Action to Approve TRS Resolution

The resolution provided by TRS was enclosed in the packet.

Mr. Koss made the motion to adopt the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution. Mr. McCormick seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Elmore, Mr. Koss, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Fultz, Ms. Harris, Mr. Goldenstein, Ms. McCormick; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (7-0)

j. Action to Approve the Governing Board Delegating to the Executive Board the Authority to Employ Specific Personnel when such Employment is Necessary Prior to the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Governing Board

Ms. Harris made the motion that the Governing Board delegate to the Executive Board the authority to employ specific personnel when such employment is necessary prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board. Mr. Goldenstein seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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The next meeting of the Governing Board will be August 12, 2021.

Adjournment

At 6:16 PM, Mr. Goldenstein moved to adjourn. Mr. Elmore seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Kathy McCormick
Secretary Pro Tem of Governing Board of Directors

Fred Koss
Chair of Governing Board of Directors

Jennifer Armstrong
Recording Secretary

Tom Fultz
Vice-Chair Pro Tem of Governing Board of
Directors